

USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 03 NOVEMBER 2000

CEFMS:

- a. We worked with CEEIS (formerly CEAP), to find a better solution on changes required to the U-PASS system to satisfy a GAO Audit finding. We made our recommendation to CEEIS and they accepted it. The original solution would have caused a hardship for users by having an additional password to remember. Based on our expressed concern about interfaces and integrated systems, CEEIS delayed their original change deployment and worked with us to find a solution with the least impact to users.
- b. We performed extensive review of last years GAO FISCAM Audit findings. Work assignments were generated for changes to comply with the audit findings.
- c. A redesign of the General Journal Transaction Screen was completed and fielded. We added an imbalance indicator and capability that allows users to process multiple records within a voucher. This greatly increased user-friendliness of the screen.
- d. Two new reports were created to validate/verify depreciation.

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

- a. The open problem report inventory is 750 versus 736 on the last report. The inventory includes 107 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 7 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.
- b. Fifty-six (56) of the sixty-one (61) active data bases have no imbalances. Two (2) have one, one (1) has four, one (1) has five and one (1) has six. Total of database imbalances across the system is 17 versus 45 on the last report.

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ONBOARD PERSONNEL:

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
HUNTSVILLE	25
MILLINGTON	291
WASHINGTON	1
OTHER	1
TOTAL	318

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENT	Current Month	Year to Date
BY CHECK:		
Checks Issued	17,875	17,875
Percent of Total	35%	35%
Dollar Amount	\$173,449,563	\$173,449,563
BY EFT:		
Transfer Made	32,682	32,682
Percent of Total	65%	65%
Dollar Amount	\$514,577,100	\$514,577,100

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. All GS-13 and above performance appraisals for USACE Finance Center employees have been completed and submitted to the servicing CPAC. Supervisors are working on the GS-12 and below appraisals which are due at the CPOC on 15 December.

b. The Union has been notified of the planned USACE Finance Center reorganization. A briefing and Power Point presentation have been prepared and will be provided to all employees to inform them of the reorganization as well.

c. We received \$45,600 of FC&CE funds from the Civil Works Directorate. This helps fund the support services we provide related to FEMA disaster relief assignments and the corresponding billings to FEMA. We estimate the \$45,600 is a half year of effort. Our support includes coordination and liaison with divisions/districts, FEMA program managers, and FEMA paying offices. The concerted effort we apply to the outstanding FEMA disaster bills has resulted in decreased delinquencies for the FEMA bills.

d. The Corps has a total of over \$708 K due from FEMA for flood plain and related bills (non disaster) for 1993 and prior orders. FEMA's funding for these orders has expired. We have been attempting to collect these bills for some time. FEMA has now gotten one of their general attorneys involved--we believe this is a positive step and could lead to the final payment of the old bills.

e. The UFC had two employees, Linda Stoutenburgh and Pete Brown, attend the Fall 2000 Finance and Accounting Conference. Ms. Stoutenburgh gave a presentation on current and future CEFMS initiatives and/or requirements. Mr. Brown gave a presentation on Certifying Officers within the USACE.

f. On 30 and 31 October DFAS HQ along with KPMG and PW staff came to the UFC to conduct Defense Data Repository System (DDRS) training for the Reports and Analysis Division CFO team. The training went very well and numerous connectivity problems were identified and corrected. On Friday 3 November 2000 the Elimination Data was required to be submitted via DDRS. The Corps was one of the first to make this submission successfully into this new DFAS system. The first submission of the CFO Financial Statements is due on 16 November.

- g. On 1 November Captain Diane Lofink, Commander of the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Mid-South visited the UFC. The purpose of her visit was to provide the UFC Director and Deputy Directors an informative briefing on the facilities and support services available to tenants located on the NSA Mid-South.
- h. During November we will be collecting nominations for the FY00 Peer Awards program. This UFC program provides all employees the opportunity to publicly recognize other team members who have made a special contribution to the team concept at the UFC. Any non-supervisory employee is eligible to be nominated for the awards, and presentations will be made at the next town hall meeting.
- i. On 8 November the UFC will hold a Veteran's Day observance. The program will include an informal presentation of music and recognition of all veterans who work at the UFC. The commander (Captain Diane Lofink) of the Naval Support Activity Mid-South will give a brief speech to the UFC work force on this occasion.
- j. UFC support cost bills have been issued to all sites for the first quarter of FY01. We continue to closely monitor the UFC leave liability account to ensure that we achieve a balance within the acceptable range at the end of the current leave year. Regarding centralized accounts, GSA rent bills for September have been issued and October civil funded military officer pay data has been received for analysis and billing to the respective sites.
- k. On 30 October the UFC submitted the required report for the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act. This involved extensive update and revision to previously reported data, based on the most recent guidance from CERM.
- l. In conjunction with the Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) open season, several FEHB providers will have tables set up in the UFC main break room on 8 November. These representatives will have information about their plans and can answer employee questions.